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**5.3 Nonessential Elements**

MY SENTENCE: “Carpe Diem” is a popular expression which means to seize the day.

EXPLANATION: Use commas to set off nonessential subordinate clauses and nonessential participial phrases. This information can be found on page 338 of the *Holt Handbook*.

REVISED EXAMPLE: “Carpe Diem” literally translates to seize the day.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: I enjoy wearing a hoodie on a cold winter morning.